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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraphs on page 3 after line 2.

Figure 8 is a top front isometric view of the invention alternately used to hold a dental material and adhesively secure a small dental instrument.

Figure 9 is a top front isometric view showing the dental instrument released from the adhesive holding portion of the delivery pad and being manually applied to the contained dental material.

Please add the following new paragraph on page 4 after line 12:

The present device may serve other uses and may provide a disposable adhesive delivery pad for application of other dental materials. For example, as shown in Figures 8 and 9, the dentist or hygienist is applying a bonded resin seal into a tooth. A portion of the liquid resin 30 could be carried on the non-adhesive section of the delivery pad for pick-up by a microbrush applicator 32. The adhesive section of the top of the pad 33 can be exposed and serve as an attachment mechanism to secure the applicator 32 at times when the clinician does not need to use it. This is exceptionally helpful when a procedure is being performed by a sole operator, who has no assistant from whom to receive materials or instruments. Another practical example which would provide such a convenience would be when an orthodontic assistant who has the chore of bonding many orthodontic brackets to teeth using light-cured resin material. The delivery pad of the invention therefore serves as not only a holder for dental pastes and solutions but also as a temporary holder for small dental instruments.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 beginning at line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

From the foregoing, it will be readily understood by those of skill in the art that the present invention provides both a disposable dental paste delivery system for bulk dental pastes or other dental materials and also a convenient means of attachment of material packaged in the form of a dose cup. The non-adhesive portion of the pad may also be used to serve as a delivery point for various types of dental materials such as dental cements, resin restorative materials, or even medicaments that need to be applied to structures in the mouth. The adhesive section of the top surface of the pad may be used to temporarily secure a small applicator brush or instrument or provide a surface for attachment of any small item that the dentist or hygienist may need to complete a dental procedure. Because it can be inexpensively produced by label-printing manufacturing methods, the addition of printed advertising on the top cover of the attachment portion may be inexpensively included as an additional benefit. Also, although the preferred embodiment shows the use of two upwardly folded angled sidewalls, it will be understood that a

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greater number of sidewalls formed along additional foldlines may similarly be employed to contain the working material. It should be understood that there may be other modifications and changes to the present invention that will be obvious to those of skill in the art from the foregoing description, however, the present invention should be limited only by the following claims and their legal equivalents.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please add the new sheet of drawings which includes new Figures 8 and 9.

Attachment: Drawing Sheet

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